

Program Regulations (Non-infested Premise Nursery) Exhibit B

County Agricultural Commissioners Requirements

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- 1) Origin County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC) shall provide information and training to key nursery personnel regarding the glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) program and compliance agreement (including exhibit) requirements.
- 2) Origin CAC shall ensure through inspection and monitoring that nurseries are properly conducting the following activities to detect the presence of GWSS:
 - a) The nursery premise shall be surveyed by the nursery using standard yellow sticky cards placed at approximately canopy height at a density of not less than 1 card per one-half acre. If multiple plant canopies are present, then multiple cards should be used to detect GWSS from each of the canopies present. Cards should be checked for GWSS no less than once every two weeks.
 - b) The nursery shall be surveyed using beat sheets, beat trays, or sweep nets. For beat sampling, place a white, two-foot by two-foot sheet of fabric, wood, stiff paper or other suitable material underneath the vegetation canopy to be sampled. Strike or shake vigorously the foliage overhanging the white sheet (be careful not to damage the foliage). For sweep sampling, simply sweep insect nets through foliage and examine bag contents.
 - c) Visual inspection of foliage shall include careful examination of leaf petioles, twigs and small branches for the presence of nymph and adult sharpshooters. Be aware that the insects will try and hide from observation by moving to the far side of any available stem. Egg masses can be detected by visually inspecting the underside of leaves. Leaves should be backlit against a sunny sky to properly detect egg masses.
- 3) Origin CAC shall monitor nurseries for compliance with this agreement:
 - a) The CAC shall review detection, monitoring, and treatment records maintained by the nursery.
 - b) The CAC shall monitor the nursery and its activities as frequently as possible, with a goal of a minimum of one (1) inspection per week. The CAC, at their discretion, may monitor sticky traps in lieu of inspections. Standard yellow sticky traps are to be placed at a density of not less than one (1) trap per one-half acre. Traps should be checked for GWSS no less than once every two weeks. No more than three adult GWSS can be found in the same one-half acre in a two-week period for a nursery to retain its non-infested (GWSS-free) status.
- 4) Origin CAC shall ensure that shipments of nursery stock destined for non-infested areas are:
 - a) Free-from GWSS or are treated in an approved manner.
 - b) Accompanied by a certificate affirming that the shipment meets the standards for movement. The certificate may be in written or stamp format as authorized by or issued by the CAC affirming that the shipment meets all applicable regulatory requirements.
- 5) Upon notification by the destination CAC or the PD/GWSS Nursery Program representative that any live GWSS was discovered in a shipment, the origin CAC shall:
 - a) Notify the nursery that shipments of affected host species shall be discontinued immediately and that certificates shall not be used on said shipments until the pest problem has been investigated and has been mitigated to the satisfaction of the CAC.
 - b) Immediately investigate the situation at the shipping nursery and inspect all adjacent plants:
 - i) Conduct visual surveys.
 - ii) Review records and pest management practices.
 - c) Monitor pest mitigation treatments.

- d) Upon determination that the results of the investigation have met all monitoring, inspection and treatment requirements, the origin CAC notify the nursery when shipments of the affected host species may resume.
- 6) The CAC shall ensure that a certificate or stamp and a “blue tag” accompanies each shipment of host plants destined to non-infested areas, which require that the shipments be held upon arrival for inspection.
- 7) When any species of host material from the nursery has been found infested with live GWSS by the destination CAC three times within a three-month period, the origin CAC shall inform the nursery that it may not ship or present for certification that species of plant material until all of the following conditions have been met:
- a) All stock of the affected species shall be treated as directed by the CAC, with a second treatment applied within 14 days of the first treatment.
 - b) The nursery shall inspect the affected species of plant material and report any evidence of continued GWSS infestation to the CAC. Appropriate additional activities will be conducted under the direction of the CAC or shipment of that species of plants cannot be resumed.
 - c) After monitoring of the above activities and with notification from the CAC, the nursery may resume moving the affected species of plants to the staging area for inspection and certification if free-from GWSS.
- 8) When three confirmed life stages are found on a specific species of plant at destination within a three-month period, the nursery at origin must immediately suspend shipments for that species of plant and two chemical treatments will be made with a recommended material over a two-week period. The pest problem shall be mitigated to the satisfaction of the origin CAC before shipments are allowed to resume. All information regarding suspensions of shipping privileges or specific plant species may be put on the non-public (password protected) portion of the GWSS web site at:
<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/>; Resources and Information; County Users; GWSS Bulletin Board.